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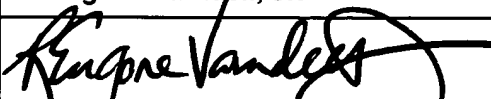
<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: <b>Mail Stop RCE</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>10/019,402</b>
	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>December 28, 2001</b>
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	<b>MATSUMOTO et al.</b>
	<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>1614</b>
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	<b>Donna A. Jagoe</b>
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	<b>VX012397 PCT</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☒ Other Amendments and remarks in Response after Final filed on Sept. 29, 2006.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO-1449
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Petition for 3-months extension of time
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1147
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 01/19/2007 MAHMEI 00000012 10019402
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 00
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

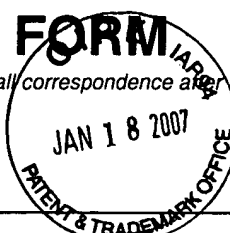
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Name (Print/Type)	<b>R. Eugene Varndell, Jr.</b>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	<b>29,728</b>
Signature		Date	<b>January 18, 2007</b>


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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) 	Application Number	10/019,402	
	Filing Date	December 28, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	MATSUMOTO et al.	
	Group Art Unit	1614	
	Examiner Name	Donna A. Jagoe	
		Attorney Docket Number	VX012397 PCT

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 (listing 4 references) <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition <input type="checkbox"/> To Convert a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Request of Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal    
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Posz Law Group, PLC R. EUGENE VARDELL, JR. (Reg. No. 29,728)
Signature	
Date	January 18, 2007



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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2006</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
		Application Number	10/019,402
		Filing Date	December 28, 2001
		First Named Inventor	MATSUMOTO et al.
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Group Art Unit	1614
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		790	Examiner Name Donna A. Jagoe
		Attorney Docket	VX012397 PCT

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**

☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 50-1147 Deposit Account Name: Posz Law Group, PLC

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charges fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	160	80	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Small Entity	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims**            **Extra Claims**            **Fee (\$)**            **Fee Paid (\$)**           

**Indep. Claims**            **Extra Claims**            **Fee (\$)**            **Fee Paid (\$)**           

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41 (a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

**Total Sheets**            **Extra Sheets**            **Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof**            **Fee (\$)**            **Fee Paid (\$)**           

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: RCE filing fee

**Fees Paid (\$)** \$ 790

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		
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		Date January 18, 2007

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